

**Table 54-2 Percentage of high school completers enrolled in college, by age, race–ethnicity, and enrollment status: October 1972–97**

October	Ages 18–24				Ages 25–34				Age 35 or older			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
<b>Full time</b>												
1972	27.3	28.0	22.0	20.7	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.2	—	—	—	—
1973	25.4	25.8	20.4	23.8	2.9	2.7	4.1	3.1	—	—	—	—
1974	25.4	25.4	22.0	25.1	3.5	3.3	4.3	3.7	—	—	—	—
1975	27.2	27.0	26.7	28.1	4.2	3.8	6.8	4.6	—	—	—	—
1976	27.7	27.3	29.3	29.0	3.5	3.2	5.5	4.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.8
1977	26.8	26.7	25.8	25.7	3.9	3.4	7.1	4.8	—	—	—	—
1978	25.9	25.8	25.8	18.9	3.3	3.1	4.2	3.8	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.6
1979	25.9	25.8	25.2	24.3	3.1	2.9	3.7	5.7	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.7
1980	26.5	26.9	23.6	22.3	3.0	2.8	3.6	4.0	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.7
1981	27.0	27.2	23.6	24.6	3.2	2.9	4.4	3.9	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.4
1982	27.1	27.6	23.1	20.4	3.5	3.3	4.2	4.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	*0.0
1983	25.0	25.1	22.8	22.7	3.7	3.2	4.3	4.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4
1984	27.8	28.7	21.6	23.7	3.5	3.2	3.7	4.1	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
1985	28.3	29.6	21.4	21.1	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.8
1986	28.3	29.0	24.3	21.2	3.2	2.8	4.0	4.2	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
1987	29.7	30.9	23.9	20.1	2.9	2.6	3.7	3.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.4
1988	30.7	31.9	24.1	22.7	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5
1989	31.9	33.6	25.9	21.0	3.2	3.1	2.2	2.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2
1990	32.6	34.3	25.6	20.9	3.6	3.5	3.0	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0
1991	34.6	35.9	26.5	25.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.4
1992	34.9	36.2	27.6	26.0	3.6	3.5	3.1	2.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8
1993	31.9	31.9	27.3	26.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	4.1	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.8
1994	34.6	36.2	29.6	21.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.4	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5
1995	34.9	36.8	28.4	25.5	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
1996	36.5	38.6	29.9	24.8	4.4	4.0	4.7	4.1	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.8
1997	37.9	39.6	33.3	26.7	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.4	0.7	0.6	1.3	0.6
<b>Part time</b>												
1972	4.6	4.5	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.4	4.3	—	—	—	—
1973	4.3	4.4	3.5	5.3	5.3	5.4	3.6	8.5	—	—	—	—
1974	5.1	5.1	4.2	7.2	5.8	5.8	6.5	6.3	—	—	—	—
1975	5.3	5.3	4.8	7.4	5.7	5.8	4.7	6.7	—	—	—	—
1976	5.4	5.5	4.2	7.0	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.8	1.9	1.7	2.9	3.1
1977	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.3	6.4	6.3	6.9	7.5	—	—	—	—
1978	5.4	5.5	3.8	8.2	5.8	5.7	6.6	6.4	2.0	1.9	3.0	3.6
1979	5.3	5.4	4.1	5.8	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.9	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.3
1980	5.3	5.3	4.1	7.6	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.3	1.8	1.7	2.6	2.2
1981	5.5	5.5	4.5	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.9	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.6
1982	5.8	5.6	5.0	8.8	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.9
1983	5.4	5.3	4.2	8.8	5.4	5.5	4.5	5.5	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.7
1984	5.4	5.2	5.6	6.2	5.1	5.2	4.2	5.8	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.5
1985	5.4	5.4	4.6	5.8	5.4	5.6	3.7	6.0	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.6
1986	5.7	5.6	4.3	8.3	5.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.3
1987	6.4	6.3	5.1	8.1	5.2	5.3	4.2	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2
1988	6.3	6.6	3.7	8.1	4.9	5.0	4.6	5.0	2.2	2.1	2.6	2.8
1989	6.0	6.1	4.6	7.3	5.1	5.2	4.0	4.4	1.9	1.9	1.5	2.5
1990	6.4	6.0	6.8	7.4	4.8	5.1	3.0	4.8	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.9
1991	6.2	6.3	4.3	8.3	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.9	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.4
1992	6.7	6.4	5.8	10.2	5.0	5.0	3.5	5.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9
1993	6.9	7.1	4.9	8.5	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.3	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.3
1994	7.6	7.3	5.9	11.6	5.3	5.1	5.9	5.7	2.0	1.9	2.4	2.9
1995	7.2	6.9	6.8	9.4	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.5	1.9	1.7	2.7	3.0
1996	6.7	6.4	5.9	9.0	5.3	5.1	6.2	5.7	2.0	1.9	2.7	2.6
1997	7.0	6.8	5.9	9.1	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.2	1.9	1.8	2.4	1.9

— Not available.

\* Percent less than 0.05 is rounded to 0.0.

NOTE: In 1994, the survey instrument for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights were adjusted. See the supplemental note to *Indicator 51* for further discussion. Included in the total but not shown separately are high school completers from other racial-ethnic groups.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.